(*b*) whether many poor people in the State are not depending on this industry to earn their livelihood;

(*c*) whether basket making cannot be encouraged and developed by teaching it in industrial schools?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No special steps have been taken to encourage training in basket making though they are subjects of study in certain industrial schools.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Teaching basket making in industrial schools is not essential to encourage and develop this industry. What is required is, to organise those engaged in the industry so that they may be made to get fair prices for their products. This work has been taken up by Co-operative Societies.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR DEFECTIVES—SUBJECTS TAUGHT

108. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 355, dated 4th April 1941.—

(*a*) whether more subjects are not taught in the Industrial Institute for Defectives to which no recognition was granted than in the two schools to which recognition was granted;

(*b*) whether it is the present policy of Government to grant recognition to industrial schools in which comparatively lesser number of subjects are being taught;

(*c*) whether there is any other industrial school (Government or private) in the State in which all the subjects taught in the Industrial Institute for Defectives are being taught?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The list of subjects taught in this school contains more subjects than in the other two schools.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) There is no other industrial school where so many subjects are included in the list of subjects taught.

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